

The Life, The Love, The Legacy
Celebration of Life Services
for
Mother
Mable J.
Jones



REPORTED FOR DUTY
NOVEMBER 19, 1938

FINAL PROMOTION
DECEMBER 7, 2015



SERVICES HELD AT:
PRAYER GARDEN CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
651 N SIXTH STREET, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA
SUPT. PAUL BATES, PASTOR

BISHOP ALBERT GALBRAITH, THE CELEBRANT
PRELATE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 1ST JURISDICTION

Mother Mable Jean Jones

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LOCAL AND SHILOH DISTRICT CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015

PUBLIC VIEWING 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE 7:00 PM

Pastor Frederick Williams, Officiant
Joy Tabernacle of Praise Church of God in Christ

JURISDICTIONAL CELEBRATION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

VIEWING 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE 11:00 AM

Bishop Albert Galbraith, Jr, The Celebrant
Prelate Northern California 1st Jurisdiction

The Local/Shiloh District Celebration

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

CELEBRATION FACILITATOR

PASTOR PAUL HALL

Mustard Seed Faith Church of God in Christ

Hanford, California

Quiet Hour

5:00PM-7:00PM

Organ Prelude

Invocation Elder James Tevis

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Elder Donald Ragsdale

New Testament Elder Nathan Riley

Mother's Favorite Praise Songs

Musical Selection Greater Love Mass Choir

(Please limit expressions to 2 minutes please)

Expressions

Family, Grandchildren

Video Tribute Sister Shauntai Dudley (*Granddaughter*)

Special Tribute Sharon Denise

Expressions Amberwood Gardens

Auxiliary Representation

Men's Department President Elder James Tevis

Women's Department President Evangelist Linda Pasters

Missions Department Mother Gladys Ranger

Hospitality Mother Geraldine Jackson

Mother's Board Mother Margaret Tevis

Video Tribute Elder Nathan Berry

Musical Selection Greater Love Mass Choir

Auxiliary Representation

Music Department Mother Melva Topps

Youth Department Elder Nathan Berry

Usher Board Deacon Cedric Morgan

Acknowledgements & Condolences Sister Kathy Reese

Obituary

Sermonic Solo Sister Diane Terry Davis

Message of Encouragement

PASTOR FREDERICK WILLIAMS

Joy Tabernacle of Praise Church of God in Christ

Fayetteville, North Carolina

The Eulogistic Order

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA 1ST JURISDICTION

BISHOP ALBERT GALBRAITH, JR., ENCOMIAST/OFFICIATOR

PROCESSIONAL FACILITATOR

SUPT. DR. YAHN HUNTER

3rd Administrative Assistant

CELEBRATION FACILITATOR

PASTOR DENNIS JOHNSON

Eltekon Ministries Church of God in Christ

Viewing

10:00 AM -11:00 AM

Musical Prelude

Processional

Bishop, Visiting Bishops,
Administrative Assistants, Executive Board,
State Officials, Superintendents, Elders & The Family

Final Glimpse Until Glory Pleasant Valley Mortuary
Sealing of the Bier The Children

Preparation for Rest

THE ADJUTANTS

Prayer for Strength and Comfort Supt. Jeremiah Richardson

Reading of the Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Pastor Jerome Brown

New Testament Pastor Zerubbabel Campbell

Ministry of Music Memorial Choir



Statements of Tribute and Consolation

Jurisdictional Women's Department	Mother Richardine Hunt
Pastors	Pastor Steven Thorner
Superintendents.....	Supt. Stanley Meeks
Executive Board	Supt. Terrell LeBlanc
Area Bishops.....	Designee
Tribute.....	Elder Rickey Jones, Sr
Musical Selection	Memorial Choir

Resolutions

Greater Love Church of God in Christ.....	Evangelist Linda Pasters
Shiloh District	Sister Leisa Chappell
Northern California 1 st Department of Women	Missionary Patricia Collins
Northern California 1 st Jurisdictional Secretary	Supt. P. Daniels Jefferson
Acknowledgement of Cards/Telegrams	Sister Valencia Hart

The Scroll of Life

Silent Reading

Presentation of the Messenger	Supt. Jeremiah Richardson 2 nd Administrative Assistant
Sermonic Selection.....	Sister Teresa Smith

Proclamation of Hope

Bishop Albert Galbraith
Prelate, Northern California 1st Jurisdiction

Musical Recessional



A Better View

Dear loved ones lift your spirits, and take a peek up here.

One glimpse will soothe your sorrow for my new home will appear.

You 'll see this land of promise, which we often talked about,

Its grandeur is far greater than we dreamed, without a doubt.

I expected golden pathways, mansions fair and gates of pearls,

But this place exceeds the visions I beheld while in that world.

Look with love and find great comfort as you gaze beyond the veil;

Fill your hearts with joy and join me in God's presence, where I dwell.

What a thrill to be here dancing in the midst of Heaven's throng,

See me mingling with the angles singing praise and worship songs.

Though you miss me I am not distant; I still have my sights on you,

I just crossed into forever where I have a better view.

Keep good memories to console you but let grief and mourning go;

Smile dear loved one, I am in Heaven,

living in God's Gracious Glow.



Because You Loved Me

To Mable with Love

For all those times you stood by me - For all the truth that you made me see
For all the joy you brought to my life - For all the wrong that you made right
For every dream you made come true - For all the love I found in you
I'll be forever thankful - You're the one who held me up
Never let me fall, you're the one - Who saw me through, through it all

You were my strength when I was weak - You were my voice when I couldn't speak
You were my eyes when I couldn't see - You saw the best there was in me
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach - You gave me faith because you believed
I'm everything I am - Because you loved me

You gave me wings and made me fly - You touched my hand, I could touch the sky
I lost my faith, you gave it back to me - You said no star was out of reach
You stood by me and I stood tall - I had your love, I had it all
I'm grateful for each day you gave me - Maybe I don't know that much
But I know this much is true - I was blessed because I was loved by you

You were my strength when I was weak - You were my voice when I couldn't speak
You were my eyes when I couldn't see - You saw the best there was in me
Lifted me up when I couldn't reach - You gave me faith because you believed
I'm everything I am - Because you loved me

You were always there for me, the tender wind that carried me
The light in the dark shining your love into my life
You've been my inspiration, through the lies you were the truth
My world is a better place because of you

I'm everything I am - Because you loved me
I'm everything I am - Because you loved me



The Scroll of Life



Mable Jean Stafford, also simply and lovingly known to most as "Mother", was born in Marietta, Texas, November 19, 1938. This beloved spirit was the fourth of six children (James, Novelle, Otha Faye, Silverine, Travis), born to Simon and Mable Stafford. Under the guidance of her parents, Mable and her siblings were taught to fear the Lord. It was at a young age that Mable accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. She regularly attended church and was actively involved in Sunday school, various children's church programs, member of the Baptist Training Union (BTU), and youth choir member where she began to develop her melodic voice.

In 1950, the Stafford family moved to Stockton, California. Mable attended Franklin High School and became a member of St. John's Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Lawrence. It was here, that Mable continued to pursue her faith walk with the Lord. She was active in Sunday school, sang in the choir, and was involved in other youth ministries. As time passed, it was very evident that the Lord had a calling on the life of Mable Jean Jones.

In 1954, while on her way to church with her sister and a group of friends, Mable laid eyes on a young man, Johnie Quincy Jones, who would later become the love of her life. Soon after they met, the two attended a church service together and Mable received the gift of the Holy Ghost. One year later on January 12, 1955, the two were joined together in Holy matrimony. Shortly thereafter, Johnie joined the US Air Force and the couple moved to Anchorage, Alaska. Their quest to find a church home led them to Friendly Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Bishop C.D. Williams. While at Friendly Church of God in Christ, Mable received counsel and training from the late Mother Ira Lee Cotton, State Supervisor of Alaska. The couple resided in Alaska for seven years. During that time, the Lord blessed them with three beautiful children; Sharon, Johnie Jr., and Rickey. As Mable embraced her role as a mother and wife, she was also faithfully committed to God and to the church. She became a member of the choir, was a diligent hospitality worker; helping to prepare and serve church dinners, as well as serving in various other ministries in the church.

Johnie, Mable, and the family moved to San Jose, California in 1962. It was here that two more beautiful were born; Yvonne and Jeffrey. Under the counsel of Bishop C.D. Williams, the Jones family joined Prayer Garden Church of God In Christ, under the leadership of the late Bishop M. Mathis.

Mable lived a life full of purpose. She had an unfailing, precious love for people. Her care and concern for the wellbeing of others was pure and genuine. She was a wise and wonderful mother, mentor, sister, confidante, and friend; a fervent prayer warrior, a pillar of strength, an inspiration to all whose life she touched with her grace and beauty. She was a woman of excellence who lived a model life before us that pleased God. She was a stay at home mother until the children were school age; teaching them the important lessons in life, training them up in the ways of the Lord; teaching them to love, to forgive and to also live a life filled with purpose. She gave of herself tirelessly, expecting nothing in return. She was simply an amazing woman who above all, truly loved the Lord.

In 1969, Greater Love Church of God In Christ was birthed. Johnie Q. Jones, founder and CEO was installed as Pastor, and Missionary Mable Jean Jones became the First Lady.





She was the epitome of a First Lady, Proverbs 31:10 says, *“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.”* Down through the years, she faithfully supported and stood by her husband’s side. She devotedly served Greater Love as Women’s Department President, YWCC President, Trustee Board member, Mother’s Board member, and Communion Committee member. Mother Mable Jones taught Sunday school, Bible Band, New Converts and YPWW all under the anointing of God. She also served as the General and Tithing Secretary. Her culinary expertise was a tremendous support towards many church dinners, and bake sales. She was a humble servant to the Shiloh District where she served as Women’s Department Coordinator, Pastor and Minister’s Wives President, and Personal Aide to the late Mother Irene Robinson. She also served in the Northern California First Jurisdiction Women’s Department, was an Executive Board member, Superintendent Wives President, Ordination Board member, Adjutant Sister, and Praise Team President.

In 1989, Mother Mable Jones with her husband Johnie Jones became business owners opening the first black owned BBQ restaurant, Quincy’s BBQ, in the city of Milpitas. Their business has been a pillar in the Milpitas community for over 25 years.

On Monday, December 7, 2015, the midnight train to Heaven departed from the station and at 4:45 am in route to glory stopped in San Jose, CA to pick up Mother Mable Jean Jones. As she took her last glimpse at this present world which she was soon to leave behind, if she could have spoken she would have said these words:

2 Timothy 4:6-8; “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Mother Jones is preceded in death by her parents Simon and Mable Stafford, sister, Maggie Mae Stafford.

She leaves to mourn her husband of 60 years and love of her life Superintendent Johnie Q. Jones Sr. Her beloved children: Sharon (Darryl) of Portland, OR; Johnie Jones Jr, of Discovery Bay/Glendale, CA, Rickey (Karen) Jones Sr. of Tracy, CA; Yvonne (Michael) Ridgley of San Ramon, Ca; and Jeffrey (Cynthia) Jones of Tustin, Ca. Siblings Thurman James Stafford, Sister Novelle Robinson, Stockton, CA; sister Otha Faye Stewart, Stockton, CA and Silverene (Charles) Slaton, San Jose, CA and Travis Stafford, Stockton. CA.

Twenty four grandchildren; Shauntai, Wilvena, Onesha; Wyndalle, Daina, Phileisha, Brittany; Andrea, Rickey Jr, Matthew, Kenney, Jurell, Kraig, Jamison, Kolton, Ashlyn, Serenity, Sofina, Sebastian; Dymonek, Zephennia, Nehemiah, Nefertiti, and Jazemin.

Twenty three great grandchildren; one aunt, Deland Richardson; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and the Greater Love church family.



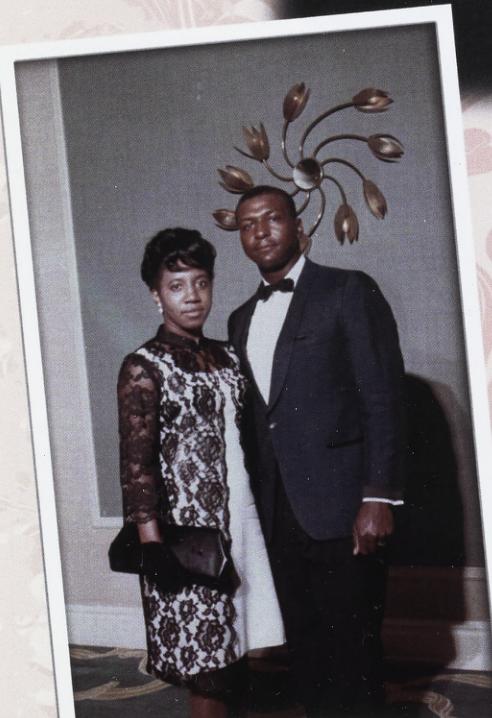
...and let her own works praise her in the gates

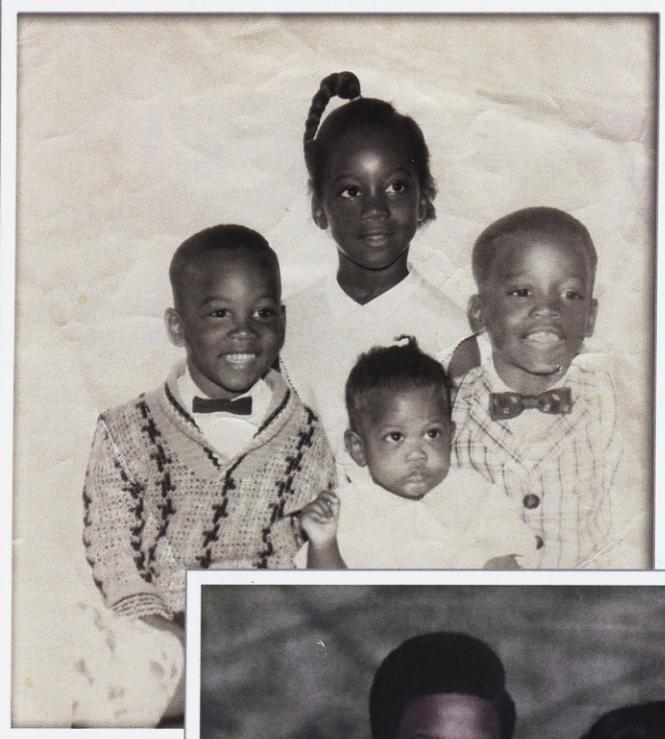


The Life



The Love





The Legacy





Love Notes

Dear Mama,
Just want to thank you
for everything that you poured
into me. You will always be
my Ske-DO. I love you.
Sharon Denise



Rickey D. Jones, Sr.
Mom always told me:
"you can do anything
you set your mind
to do."

As young children, Mama was going
to take us trick or treating. But when
I put my mask on (Casper the
Friendly Ghost), and looked in the
mirror, it frightened me so much
that Mama decided not to take us
out trick or treating
(Johnie) Jr.

Mom I love you. We'll always
miss you. I will keep singing
the song we would sing every
night before bedtime. And our
song was...
"I thank the Lord
I thank the Lord
I thank the Lord"
Love forever,
Yvonne



Rev. 3:21-
"to him that overcometh will
I grant to sit with me in my
throne..."
Mable Jean Jones
Love You Mama
Jeffrey & Cynthia



I'm so proud God saw fit to allow you to be my grandma. You never missed a birthday, you always celebrated my school accomplishments, and encouraged me to keep God first in all that I do. You've instilled so many life lessons that I have applied throughout my adult life. Although I am sad that you are gone, I'm blessed you were apart of my life for the 37 years I've existed. I love you grandma! I can't wait to see you again!!

Love, Shauntai (your eldest granddaughter)

Grandma,

I will always love and cherish you and all of the guidance and instruction you gave to us, your grandkids. You always reminded us to hold our head up high, and to know that we are special in God's eyes. Most of all, I will forever cherish the grace with which you raised us, the understanding you showed in our weakness, and the heartfelt prayers you would send up to heaven to watch over us.

With all my love, Wilvena

Momma Jones would always say,
"Hoooo, Sharon don't say that to him."
"Sharon now."
"You can do it, son."
"I'm saved sanctified, and filled
with His precious Holy Ghost."
Darryl D.

Always face anything the devil throws
at you with a smile and GLORIFY
GOD. God will provide a way for
you to get through JOR WITHOUT
A TEST. YOU HAVE NO
TESTIMONY. JUST KEEP
PRAISING HIM.

Karen Jones

And we know that
all things work together
for good to them that
love God, to them who
are the called
according to his
purpose.
- Romans 8:28

Active Pallbearers

Rickey Jones Jr
Matthew Jones
Jurell Jones

Kraig Churchwell Jones
Kolton Churchwell Jones
Conte Slaton

Honorary Pallbearers

Elder James Tevis
Elder Darryl Dove
Elder Dennis Collins

Elder Nathan Berry
Elder Rufus Williams
Pastor Jacob Perry

In Appreciation

*I*n this hour of bereavement, The Jones Family wishes to acknowledge our deep appreciation of the great outpouring of sympathy and warm consolation we have received from our friends and loved ones. You have lifted our hearts with your prayers and help.

We would like to express a Special Thank You to Bishop Albert Galbraith and the Northern California First Jurisdiction Presidium. Thank you to the Greater Love Church family for your untiring love and support. We shall always be grateful.

We would also like to express an Extra Special Thanks to the entire staff at Amberwood Gardens. Your care and professionalism was second to none. God is not unjust to forget your labors of love. We appreciate all that you've done, and are forever grateful to the Lord for blessing us with you.

We ask that you continue to remember us in prayers as we will remember you.

May God bless you all!

The Jones Family

Services Entrusted to the care of

Pleasant Valley Mortuary
400 E. Tulare Street
Avenal, California 93204
559-386-2800

Interment

Mission City Memorial Park
420 N Winchester Blvd,
Santa Clara, California

Repast immediately following the interment

The Bold Knight Steakhouse
840 N First Street
San Jose, California

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